

WI-628
Gilley Rayne Farm
Powellville vicinity
Private

c. 1870

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Maryland Inventory of Historic Properties Form

Inventory No. WI-628

1. Name of Property (indicate preferred name)

historic

other

Gilley Rayne Farm

2. Location

street and number Lane off Purnell's Crossing Road not for publication

city, town Powellville x vicinity

county Wicomico

3. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Oliver J. Moore and Evelyn Moore

street and number 35834 Bob Kelly Road telephone

city, town Pittsville state MD zip code 21850

4. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Wicomico County Clerk of Court liber 1107 folio 336

city, town Salisbury tax map 52 tax parcel 62 tax ID number 6-003265

5. Primary Location of Additional Data

- ☐ Contributing Resource in National Register District
☐ Contributing Resource in Local Historic District
☐ Determined Eligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Determined Ineligible for the National Register/Maryland Register
☐ Recorded by HABS/HAER
☐ Historic Structure Report or Research Report at MHT
☐ Other: _____

6. Classification

Category

☐ district
☒ building(s)
☐ structure
☐ site
☐ object

Ownership

☐ public
☒ private
☐ both

Current Function

☐ agriculture
☐ commerce/trade
☐ defense
☒ domestic
☐ education
☐ funerary
☐ government
☐ health care
☐ industry
☐ landscape
☐ recreation/culture
☐ religion
☐ social
☐ transportation
☐ work in progress
☐ unknown
☐ vacant/not in use
☐ other: _____

Resource Count

Contributing	Noncontributing
4	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
4	_____

Number of Contributing Resource
previously listed in the Inventory

7. Description

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Condition

<input type="checkbox"/> excellent	<input type="checkbox"/> deteriorated
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> good	<input type="checkbox"/> ruins
<input type="checkbox"/> fair	<input type="checkbox"/> altered

Prepare both a one paragraph summary and a comprehensive description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

The Gilley Rayne farm is located off Purnell's Crossing Road east of Powellville, Wicomico County, Maryland. A sandy farm lane provides access to an agricultural complex that includes a third quarter of the nineteenth-century farmhouse, an early twentieth-century gambrel roofed farmhouse, an implement storage shed, and a family cemetery enclosed by a rusticated concrete block wall. The burials in the cemetery include Gilley Rayne (9/27/1816-12/20/1899) and his wife Mary Rayne. Mary Rayne's tombstone states that she was married on January 6, 1841, and that she died on January 6, 1891 at 73 years. Three other burials, John L. Powell (1853-1927) and Sallie E. Powell (1859-1921) are buried next to their year-old daughter Mary Kate, who died on July 15, 1879.

The two-story, five-bay frame farmhouse stands on a sandy knoll in the center of the complex. The house faces north with the principal gable roof oriented on an east/west axis. A low brick foundation supports the center hall, single-pile main block as well as a story-and-a-half, two-part service wing. The house is sheathed uniformly with plain weatherboard siding, and the medium pitched roof is covered with asphalt shingles.

The north (main) façade is a symmetrical five-bay elevation with a center entrance and flanking two-over-two sash windows. The front door is a replacement and to each side are multi-pane sidelights. The two-over-two sash window openings are framed by plain surrounds. The second floor is lighted by a series of five evenly spaced two-over-two sash windows. The base of the roof is finished with a boxed cornice.

The east and west gable ends are largely alike with pairs of two-over-two sash windows flanking interior end brick stacks. The edge of the roof has an extended eave with returns at the base.

The south side of the main block is partially covered by a story-and-a-half, one-room plan wing lighted by two-over-two sash windows on the first floor. A three-over-three sash window lights the upper floor on the east side. On the west side is a shed roofed porch that shelters a partially glazed side door. Attached to the south gable end of the dining room section is a single story, one-room plan kitchen lighted by six-over-six sash windows.

The interior of the main block follows a center hall, single-pile plan. The rooms are plainly finished with third quarter of the nineteenth-century mantels on each chimney stack. Four-panel doors remain on the interior door openings. The dining room features an unconventional third quarter of the nineteenth-century mantel with a carved heart attached to a center tablet in the frieze. In a few places fallen plaster reveals sawn lath. The second floor was not seen.

Standing east of the house is the early twentieth-century gambrel roofed frame barn supported on a high, concrete block foundation. The exterior is clad with plain weatherboards, and the gambrel roof is sheathed with tin. An implement storage shed is located on the north side of the barn.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance	Check and justify below		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture	<input type="checkbox"/> economics	<input type="checkbox"/> health/medicine	<input type="checkbox"/> performing arts
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology	<input type="checkbox"/> education	<input type="checkbox"/> industry	<input type="checkbox"/> philosophy
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-1999	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment/ recreation	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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	<input type="checkbox"/> communications	<input type="checkbox"/> exploration/ settlement	<input type="checkbox"/> literature	<input type="checkbox"/> social history
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	<input type="checkbox"/> conservation		<input type="checkbox"/> military	<input type="checkbox"/> other:

Specific dates

Architect/Builder

Construction dates

Evaluation for:

☐ National Register

☐ Maryland Register

☒ not evaluated

Prepare a one-paragraph summary statement of significance addressing applicable criteria, followed by a narrative discussion of the history of the resource and its context. (For compliance projects, complete evaluation on a DOE Form – see manual.)

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¹ Worcester County Land Record, EDM 6/387, 1 January 1855, Worcester County Courthouse.

² Eighth Census of the United States, 1860, Population Schedule for Worcester County, transcribed by John C. Barnes, p. 200.

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Gilley Rayne Farm
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Chain of title
Map 52, Parcel 62

1107/336

Evelyn Rayne Moore

to

6/16/1987

Oliver J. Moore
Oliver Rayne Moore

Covington D. Powell
Alberta B. Powell

to

Lawrence E. Rayne, for natural life and then to
Evelyn R. Moore

JWS 257/196

J. Asbury Holloway

to

4/5/1944

Covington D. Powell
Alberta B. Powell

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JWS 257/195

Covington D. Powell

to

4/4/1944

J. Asbury Holloway

Sallie E. Powell

to

John L. Powell
Covington D. Powell
Bessie G. Beachamp
116 acres

Gilley Rayne

to daughter

Sallie E Powell

Eighth Census of the United States, 1860, Population Schedule for Worcester County, transcribed by John C. Barnes, p. 200

Gilly Rain (sic) 45, M, farmer, Value of Real Estate \$2000, Value of Personal Property, \$1500
Mary Rain, 40 F
Sarah Rain, 1, F

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Worcester County
Land Record
EDM 6/387

Isaac Brittingham, et al.

to

1/1/1855

Gilly Rane (sic)

\$800 Brittingham's Choice, Rileys Portion, Conclusion, Williams
Choice, Potato Swamp, Hogs Den

116 acres all the land that was deeded by the said Isaac Brittingham to the
the said Isaac S. Brittingham and William H. Brittingham and all the lands
that said Isaac S. Brittingham formerly owned ...that was left to him by
his father's last will and testament

Seventh Census of the United States, 1850, Population Schedule for Worcester County, transcribed by Ruth
T. Dryden, p. 130.

Gilley Rain (sic) 33, farmer
Mary Rain, 31

9. Major Bibliographical References

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Wicomico County Land Records, various volumes, Wicomico County Courthouse.

Worcester County Land Records, various volumes, Worcester County Courthouse.

10. Geographical Data

Acreage of surveyed property 5 acres

Acreage of historical setting 116 acres

Quadrangle name

Quadrangle scale: 1:24,000

Verbal boundary description and justification

The metes and bounds of this property are coincidental with the current boundary of the lot.

11. Form Prepared by

name/title	Paul B. Touart, Architectural Historian		
organization	Private Consultant	date	10/15/2001
street & number	P. O. Box 5	telephone	410-651-1094
city or town	Westover	state	Maryland 21871

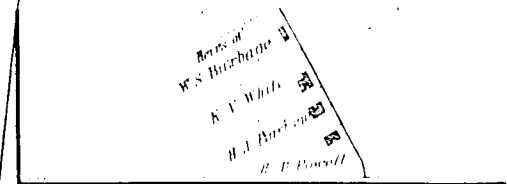
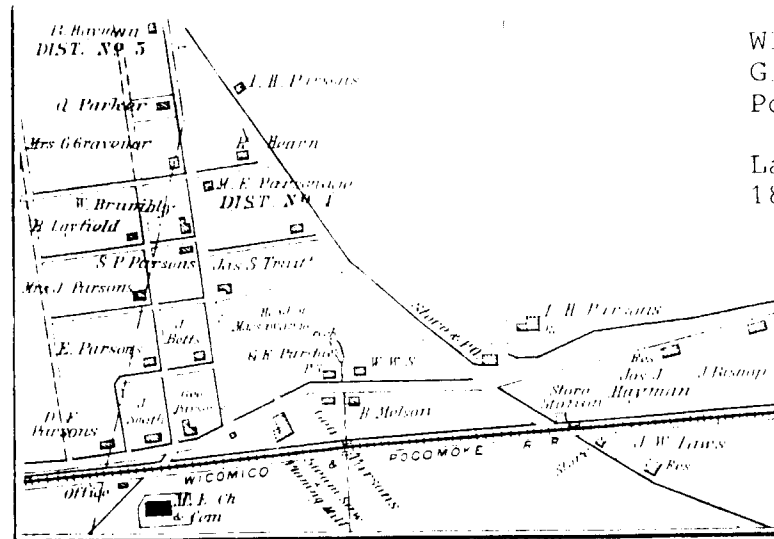
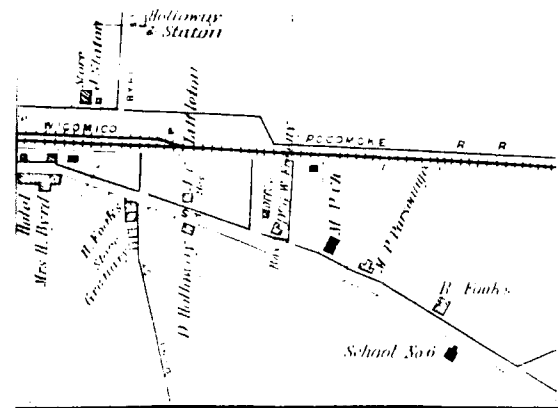
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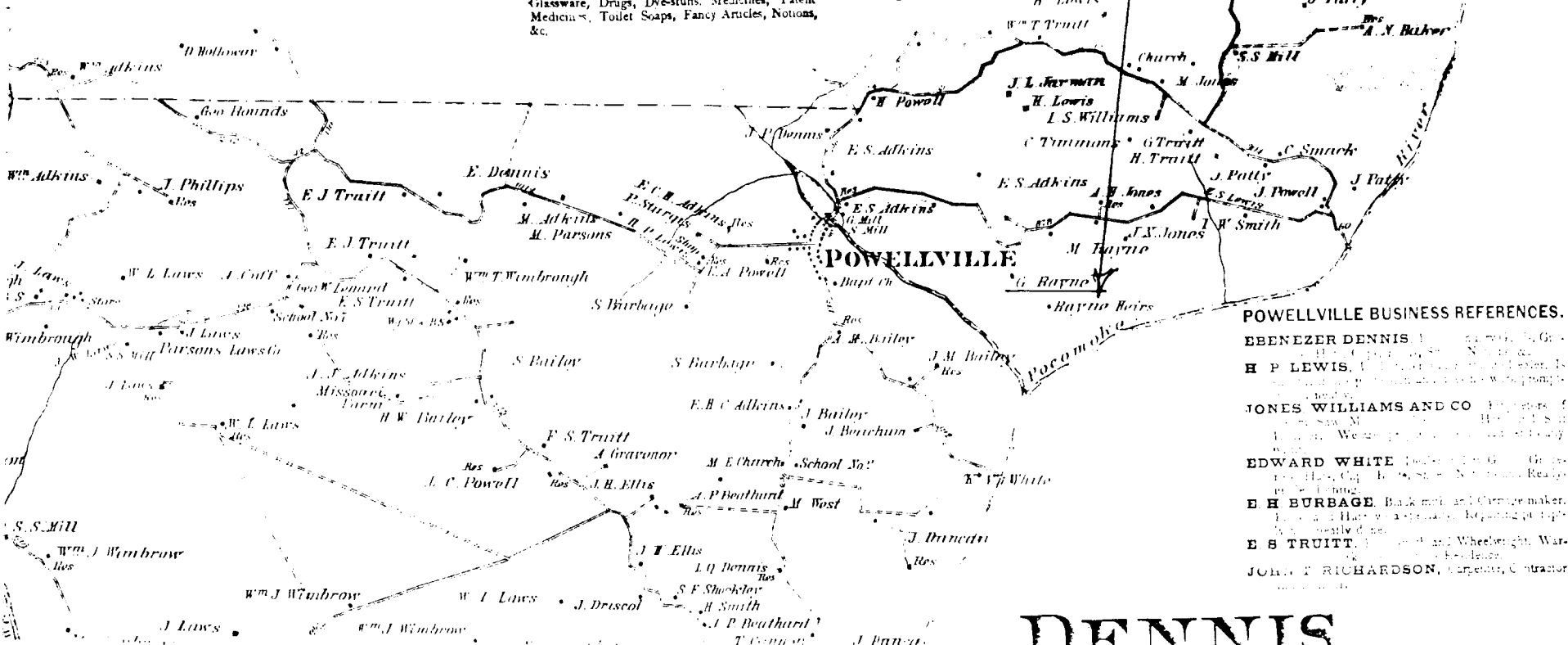
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1877



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JOHN T. RICHARDSON, Carpenter, Contractor

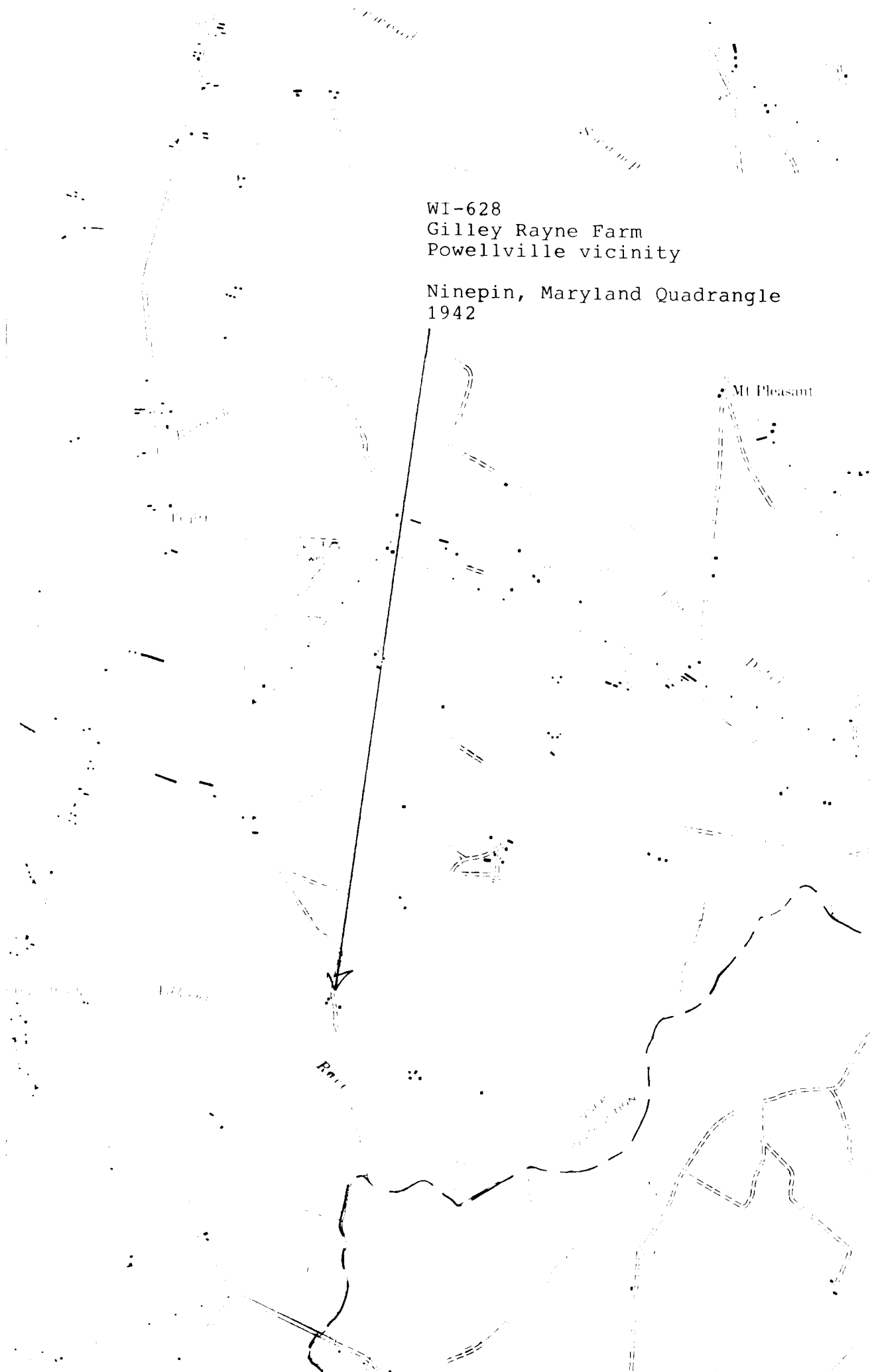
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Ninepin, Maryland Quadrangle
1942

Mt Pleasant

Rail





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GILLEY RAYNE LANE

POWELLVILLE VIC, WILSON CO. MD.

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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GILLES, Rayne Karen
POWERSVILLE VIC, Winnebago Co., WIS.

NORTHWEST ELEVATION

10/01, PANE TOURNET, POWERSVILLE

NEH/MD. HISTORICAL TRUST

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GILLO, RAINE KAREN

POWELLVILLE VIC. WISDOM CO., MD.

NORTHEAST ELEVATION

10/01, PAUL THOMAS, PHOTOGRAPHED

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Gilkey Rayne Karen

Pawellville Vic, Wisconsin Co., MD.

SOUTHEAST ELEVATION

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GILLEY Rayne farm

POWELLVILLE VII, WILKINSON CO., MD.

BARN - NORTHWEST ELEVATION

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